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Sir:

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The Examiner's attention is particularly directed to JP 05-109737, which discloses a gettering by using argon gas.

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